

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for recording global positioning system co-ordinates of components of a utility, includes a portable controller having a memory and a global positioning system (GPS) co-ordinate device coupled to the controller. The GPS co-ordinate device dynamically provides GPS co-ordinates to the controller as positioning of the GPS co-ordinate device changes location. A display is associated with the controller. The display displays the GPS co-ordinates of the GPS co-ordinate device on a scrolling grid of global positioning system co-ordinates. A utility identifier database is housed in the memory of the controller. The utility identifier database contains numerous symbols. Each symbol represents a particular component of a utility. An input device is coupled to the controller for selecting the symbol from the utility identifier database which identifies the component of the utility. The controller places the selected symbol on the scrolling grid of GPS co-ordinates and stores the symbol with GPS co-ordinates in memory for subsequent recall.